



MEDIA RELATIONS UNIT
1100 Washington Avenue
Miami Beach, FL 33139

NEWS RELEASE

(305) 673-7383 Fax 673-7065

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: July 12, 2005

Contact: Detective Bobby Hernandez

Phone: 305-673-7383

PIO #: 05-21

Hate Crime Prevention Tips

A hate crime is a criminal offense committed against persons, property or society that is motivated, in whole or in part, by an offender's bias against an individual's or a group's race, religion, ethnic/national origin, gender, age, disability or sexual orientation. Hate crimes include not only violence against individuals or groups but also crimes against property, such as arson or vandalism, particularly those directed against community centers or houses of worship.

In an effort to reduce the chances of being a victim of a hate crime, the MBPD would like to offer these hate crime prevention tips.

- Avoid walking alone
- Walk confidently, quickly, and directly
- Stay in well lit areas and avoid walking in shadows
- Walk close to the curb
- Avoid driveways, bushes, and alleys
- Don't be brave - run if you feel threatened
- Have your car keys in your hand
- Keep your car locked at all times, even while driving
- Avoid drunken behavior
- Do not respond to verbal taunts from any person or persons.
- Report any crime or suspicious activity
- Call 911 if you see a violent crime in progress
- Report Bashing Incidents Immediately

A hotline has also been created in order for hate crimes or hotspots to be reported. The number is 305-604-2110.